

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

House Committees ordered reported 34 sundry measures, including the following appropriations for fiscal year 2005: Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies; and the District of Columbia.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S8055–S8140

Measures Introduced: Eight bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2651–2658, and S. Res. 405. **Page S8118**

Measures Reported:

S. 894, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the 230th Anniversary of the United States Marine Corps, and to support construction of the Marine Corps Heritage Center.

S. 976, to provide for the issuance of a coin to commemorate the 400th anniversary of the Jamestown settlement.

S. 2610, to implement the United States-Australia Free Trade Agreement. **Page S8118**

Measures Passed:

Honoring Former President Gerald R. Ford's 91st Birthday: Senate agreed to S. Res. 405, honoring former President Gerald R. Ford on the occasion of his 91st birthday and extending the best wishes of the Senate to former President Ford and his family. **Pages S8137, S8139–40**

Retirement Plan Clarification: Committee on Finance was discharged from further consideration of S. 2589, to clarify the status of certain retirement plans and the organizations which maintain the plans, and the bill was then passed. **Page S8140**

Helping Hands for Homeownership Act: Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 4363, to facilitate self-help housing homeownership opportunities, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S8140**

Constitutional Amendment on Marriage: Senate continued consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S.J. Res. 40, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to marriage. **Pages S8061–90**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 48 yeas to 50 nays (Vote No. 155), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of S.J. Res. 40. **Page S8090**

American Jobs Creation Act—Agreement: A unanimous consent agreement was reached providing that on Thursday, July 15, immediately following morning business, the pending motion to proceed to consideration of S.J. Res. 40 (listed above), be withdrawn, and the Majority Leader or his designee be recognized in order to move to proceed to H.R. 4520, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to remove impediments in such Code and make our manufacturing, service, and high-technology businesses and workers more competitive and productive both at home and abroad; provided further, that the motion be agreed to and that Chairman Grassley then be immediately recognized in order to offer S. 1637, as passed by the Senate, as a substitute amendment; provided further, that Senator DeWine be recognized in order to offer a DeWine-Kennedy first degree amendment relating to the FDA and tobacco; further, that no other amendments be in order to the bill, and that there be 3 hours for debate equally divided on the amendment; further, that following the debate time, the Senate proceed to a vote in relation to the amendment at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader after consultation with

the Democratic Leader, and that immediately following disposition of that amendment, the substitute amendment be agreed to, the bill then be read a third time, and the Senate proceed to a vote on passage of the bill; further, that the Senate then insist on its amendment, request a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair then be authorized to appoint conferees on the part of the Senate with a ratio of 12 to 11.

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Appointments:

Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance: The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, pursuant to Public Law 99–498, appointed the following individual as a member of the Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance: Clare M. Cotton of Massachusetts.

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—155)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 9:18 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, July 15, 2004. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S8140.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

AMERICAN HOME FIRE SAFETY ACT

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine home products fire safety issues, including a related measure, S. 1798, to provide for comprehensive fire safety standards for upholstered furniture, mattresses, bedclothing, and candles, after receiving testimony from Hal Stratton, Chairman, U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission; John Dean, Maine State Fire Marshal, Augusta, on behalf of the National Association of State Fire Marshals; Norman Chapman,

Inman Mills, Inman, South Carolina; Andy S. Counts, American Furniture Manufacturers Association, High Point, North Carolina; Robert Higgins, Candle-Lite, Inc., Columbus, Ohio, on behalf of the National Candle Association; and Al Klancnik, Serta, Inc., Itasca, Illinois.

ADULT STEM CELL RESEARCH

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Space concluded a hearing to examine adult stem cell research issues, focusing on ethical, medical, and political implications, therapeutic and human cloning, and neurodegenerative disorders, including Parkinson's Disease, after receiving testimony from Michel F. Levesque, University of California at Los Angeles School of Medicine; Jean D. Peduzzi-Nelson, University of Alabama at Birmingham Department of Physiological Optics; Irving Weissman, Stanford University School of Medicine Department of Pathology, Stanford, California; Robert A. Goldstein, Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation International, New York, New York; Laura Dominguez, San Antonio, Texas; Susan Fajt, Austin, Texas; and Dennis Turner, San Clemente, California.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills:

S. 203, to open certain withdrawn land in Big Horn County, Wyoming, to locatable mineral development for bentonite mining, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 931, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to undertake a program to reduce the risks from and mitigate the effects of avalanches on visitors to units of the National Park System and on other recreational users of public land, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1211, to further the purposes of title XVI of the Reclamation Projects Authorization and Adjustment Act of 1992 by directing the Secretary of the Interior to undertake a demonstration program for water reclamation in the Tularosa Basin of New Mexico, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2052, to amend the National Trails System Act to designate El Camino Real de los Tejas as a National Historic Trail, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

H.R. 265, to expand the boundary of the Mount Rainier National Park;

S. 2167, to establish the Lewis and Clark National Historical Park in the States of Washington and Oregon, with an amendment;

S. 2173, to further the purposes of the Sand Creek Massacre National Historic Site Establishment Act of